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Several Trigg farmers have unclaimed tobacco checks

by The Cadiz Record **Email News**

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In June 2005, Kentucky sent out over 164,000 checks to certified recipients of the Phase II Tobacco Settlement program. As of December 2005, there remain over 5,000 checks that did not reach their intended recipients. The reasons for the undeliverable checks include:

- * No forwarding address left
- * Expired forwarding address
- * The recipient is deceased
- * Recipient not known
- * PO Box was closed

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Of those names on the list, David Fourqurean, an extension agent in Trigg County, said this week that he had already contacted the state and corrected the mistake. In Fourqurean's case the check had been addressed incorrectly.

"A lot of those people listed may have checks coming

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they don't know about," he noted, saying that some of the recipients had passed away since the inception of the program.

Of those checks that have not been delivered, 33 are payable to residents in Trigg County. A number of those checks go to a single individual for different tobacco farms that were due settlement checks.

For example, Sheridan Hollowell, of Cerulean Road, has a total of 13 different farming operations for land he farmed while Haydon Rogers has six of the claims.

"You would think I would know better," Fourquean said of his name on the list, "since I am the extension agent."

For the rest of this article, please see this week's edition of The Cadiz Record.